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I may add that, unless you disapprove, I shall hereafter disinfect all steerage passengers for United States ports, irrespective of the actual presence of the graver epidemic diseases; for dysentery, likely to be, annually, long present with us, may be a more serious danger than is generally supposed. To this routine disinfection the steamer men have agreed.

Respectfully,
 The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Sanitary Inspector.

Plague in Osaka.

YOKOHAMA, April 16, 1900.

SIR: Plague is now present in Osaka. Will reimpose quarantine. Send prophylactic self and staff directions.

ELDRIDGE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NETHERLANDS.

Report from Rotterdam.

ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, April 2, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the transactions of the Service at this station for the week ended March 31, 1900: Six vessels were inspected and received bills of health. The Holland-America Line steamship *Maasdam* sailing for New York on the 30th instant carried both passengers and freight. She carried 24 cabin and 363 steerage passengers, also 214 pieces of baggage were inspected and labeled and 80 pieces were disinfected and labeled. The health of this port continues to be good.

Respectfully,
 The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

A. R. THOMAS,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

NORWAY.

Quarantine against Japan, Argentina, Sandwich Islands, and New Caledonia.

CHRISTIANIA, March 20, 1900.

SIR: Inclosed I have the honor to send duplicate copies of a proclamation issued by the Norwegian Government and declaring quarantine against Japan, Argentina, the Sandwich Islands, and New Caledonia.

In the same proclamation the quarantine regulations against the ports of Egypt and Santos in Brazil are revoked. Translation follows.

Respectfully,
 Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

HENRY BORDEWICH,
United States Consul.

[Inclosure—Translation.]

Notice from the royal Norwegian Government, justice and police department.

CHRISTIANIA, March 15, 1900.

A royal proclamation was issued on the 10th instant and reads as follows:
 In connection with the royal proclamations of February 1, 1897, June 27, August 22, October 10 and 27, and December 5, 1899, it is hereby proclaimed that, in conformity

with paragraph 2 in act of July 12, 1848, relating to quarantine, all ports in Japan, Argentina, the Sandwich Islands, and New Caledonia, shall until further orders be considered infected with the oriental plague and that the rules and regulations, contained in the above-mentioned act and in mandate of September 12, 1899, relating to quarantine, etc., in consequence of plague, shall at once as regards such ports take effect.

At the same time it is also proclaimed that the ports of Egypt and Santos, in Brazil, which, by above-mentioned proclamations of June 27 and October 27, 1899, were declared infected with plague, shall no longer be considered so infected—to which all concerned respectfully have to conform—which is hereby made public, while attention is brought to the fact that under the above-mentioned proclamations of February 1, 1897, June 27, August 22, October 10 and 27, and December 5, 1899, the city of Oporto, in Portugal, Mozambique with Lorenzo Marques, Arabia, Persia, India, China, Formosa, Mauritius, Madagascar, and the ports in Paraguay, until further orders, are considered as infected with the oriental plague.

A number of copies of this notice follow.

EINEAR LOCHEN,
GEORG JOHANNESSEN.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—Plague and smallpox.

MANILA, P. I., March 7, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to hereby inform you that during the week ended March 3, 1900, there were 7 cases of plague in Manila, and that all resulted in death. Four Chinese and 3 natives were affected.

There is little change in the situation and an increased number of cases may be expected.

There were no cases of smallpox reported to the board of health during this period.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

Reports from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., April 2, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended March 31, 1900, also, monthly report of immigration and summary of transactions for the month of March, 1900. During the week 323 emigrants sailed for Daiquiri, Cuba. Influenza (la grippe) is mildly epidemic but does not seem to be severe in character. The 3 cases of smallpox previously reported are still in quarantine. Several cases of chicken pox have been reported and are always treated in the same manner as smallpox. Six cases of diphtheria were reported.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.